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This thesaurus attempts to standardize terms used to designate intellectual genres of textual materials in general rare book libraries. Because of the nature of such libraries, it has a literary-historical bias. For the purpose of this list, genre is defined as a recognized category of works (not their physical manifestations) characterized by a particular form, purpose, or content. The list was developed to be used in conjunction with the MARC Formats for Bibliographical Data. Terms relating to maps, music, and legal works have been largely excluded. The alphabetical list includes terms and references. Terms are followed by scope notes whenever a term is thought to be obscure or ambiguous or is used in a technical sense that might not be readily apparent. Any recordings of references made to and from the term are included. Types of references used in the list are: broader term, narrower term, use, used for, and related term. Introductory materials comprise sections on history, purpose and scope, form, application, and revision. (THC)

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Introduction

I. History.

The Independent Research Libraries Association's Proposals for establishing standards for the cataloguing of rare books and specialized research materials in machine-readable form (Worcester, Mass., 1979) called for a new field to be added to MARC formats for genre headings (Proposal One) and presented a draft thesaurus of such headings (Proposal Eleven). The Library of Congress submitted Proposal One to MARBI at its March 1980 meeting, and it was approved. Proposal Eleven was directed to the Standards Committee of the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section of ACRL. The Committee was asked to study the thesaurus, develop its own list, and publish it.

II. Purpose and Scope.

Many rare book libraries maintain files of certain categories, or genres, of works found in their collections. These files include both intellectual or literary genres which characterize works (e.g., Courtesy books) and physical genres which characterize physical manifestations of works (e.g., Miniature books). The files are especially useful when an item is sought not through conventional author, title, or subject approaches, but rather through a term descriptive of the category into which it falls. Indeed, many items in rare book libraries are chiefly of interest to researchers as representatives of intellectual or physical genres.

The following list is an attempt to standardize terms used to designate intellectual genres of textual materials in general rare book libraries. Because of the nature of such libraries, it has a literary-historical bias. Terms for works in some specialized rare book collections, especially subject collections, may have to be sought in other thesauri, as yet undeveloped. For the purpose of this list, genre may be defined as a recognized category of works (not their physical manifestations) characterized by a particular form, purpose, or content. The list was developed to be used in conjunction with the MARC Formats for Bibliographical Data. Terms relating to maps, music, and legal works have been largely excluded at present.

III. Form.

The terms have been taken from IRLA Proposal Eleven, some existing lists in rare book libraries, comments on drafts of the list by institutions and individuals, and reference books. Following ANSI standards (American National Standards Institute, American National Standard Guidelines for Thesaurus Structure, Construction and Use, New York, 1980), the terms are in plural natural language noun form wherever possible, and in direct order. Adjectives, prepositions, and parenthetical qualifiers (except following homographs) have been avoided. Although all terms are specific, an attempt has been made to include both genus (e.g., Sermons) and species (e.g., Anniversary sermons) genres in a number of cases.

The list is in alphabetical order, and includes terms and references. Terms may be followed by scope notes, whenever a term is thought to be obscure or ambiguous or is to be used in a technical sense that might not be readily apparent, and recordings of references made to and from the term, if any. The types of references and their symbols used in this list are:

broader term (BT) which refers from a term for a member of a class to the term for the class;

narrower term (NT) which refers from a term for a class to a term for one of its members;

use (USE) which leads from unused synonyms and inverted forms of the term to the term as used;

used for (UF) which is the reciprocal of the USE reference and accompanies the term to which the USE reference refers;

related term (RT) which is made between related terms, when it seems helpful to bring associated genres to the user's attention.

Libraries may prefer to use standard library references (see, see from, see also, see also from) in lieu of the ANSI references.

IV. Application.

In a MARC record, these terms are to be entered in field 655. Terms which do not appear in this or another approved list should not be used in field 655. The code that has been assigned to this list by the Library of Congress is "rbgenr". This code must be entered in subfield $2 ("code source") of field 655 when terms from this list are used in the field. For example:

[655] \7$aEmblem books$zGermany$y17th century$2rbgenr

Use of the list is voluntary: some libraries may only want to use some of the terms; other libraries may prefer to use none. In the case of those terms linked by a genus-species relationship, some libraries may wish to use only the general term; other libraries may prefer to assign only the narrower terms, when appropriate, saving the general term for those works which fall into no narrower category. For example, libraries having a small number of sermons may not feel the need to identify them as such in field 655. Alternatively, they might want to identify all of them as "Sermons" in field 655, even when they could apply the narrower terms "Anniversary sermons" or "Thanksgiving sermons" to works which fall into those categories. Libraries with a large collection of sermons may wish to use the narrower terms when appropriate, saving "Sermons" for those works which could not correctly be described by any of the narrower terms.

Any term may be subdivided by place ($z) or period ($y) or both. Each library must determine its own scheme for chronological subdivision; indirect subdivision, as outlined in LC's Cataloging Service Bulletin 120 (1977), p.9-12, is to be used when subdividing by place. Some libraries may wish to use other subdivisions ($x). If this is done, those subdivisions should conform whenever possible to Library of Congress authorities (e.g., Library of Congress Subject Headings) or LC practice in applying AACR2 (for personal, corporate, or other names). Subdivision guidelines have been given for some terms.

Field 655 is repeatable; assign as many terms as necessary to works falling into two or more genres, e.g., an abridgement of a ballad opera, or a sermon in verse. Most terms apply only to the whole work (e.g., Emblem books); others must be understood to apply to either the whole work or a part (e.g., Advertisements); still others will usually apply to only a part (e.g., Subscribers' lists).

Many terms on this list will repeat information given elsewhere in the cataloguing record, especially in the fixed fields (e.g., fiction, Festschrift, and biography indicators) and in subject headings (e.g., Almanacs, Pharmacopoeias). The terms on this list are to be used without considering whether or not the same or similar information appears elsewhere in the record, so that libraries can consult a single source for genre information.

V. Revision.

The RBMS Standards Committee is responsible for the maintenance and revision of the thesaurus. It solicits suggestions for new terms, corrections, and alterations to terms, scope notes, and references. Any new term proposed should be accompanied by a scope note and references if appropriate. Suggestions are solicited especially from groups with expertise in the cataloguing of maps, music, and legal works. Any correspondence regarding this list should be addressed to:

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Abridgements
  RT Synopses

Academic dissertations
  UF Dissertations, Academic
     Theses

Account books
     [Specialized collections may wish to subdivide by specific types, e.g., "Account books--Ledgers".]
  UF Journals (Financial records)
     Ledgers

Acrostics

Acting editions
     [Use for plays with extensive printed production information.]
  UF Acting versions
  RT Promptbooks

Acting versions
  USE Acting editions

Addresses
  UF Orations
     Speeches
  NT Baccalaureate addresses
     Fast day addresses
     Fourth of July orations
     Funeral addresses
     Thanksgiving Day addresses
  RT Lectures
     Sermons

Addresses, Baccalaureate
  USE Baccalaureate addresses

Addresses, Commencement
  USE Baccalaureate addresses

Addresses, Fast day
  USE Fast day addresses

Addresses, Fourth of July
  USE Fourth of July orations

Addresses, Funeral
  USE Funeral addresses

Addresses, Thanksgiving Day
  USE Thanksgiving Day addresses

Administrative regulations
  RT Laws

Adventus books
  USE Festival books

Advertisements
  NT Booksellers' advertisements
     Printers' advertisements
     Publishers' advertisements
  RT Catalogues
     Playbills

Advertisements, Booksellers'
  USE Booksellers' advertisements

Advertisements, Printers'
  USE Printers' advertisements

Advertisements, Publishers'
  USE Publishers' advertisements

Album amicorum
  USE Libri amicorum

Albums

Allegories

Almanacs
  UF Ephemerides

Alphabets (Primers)
  BT Textbooks
  RT Primers (Instructional books)
     Spellers

Alphabets (Writing systems)

Alternative publications
     [Use for works published openly as contrasts to the mainstream political, social, and cultural press of their time. Use "Resistance publications" for works published surreptitiously or illegally, usually in wartime.]
  BT Underground publications
  RT Resistance publications

Anagrams

Annals
  RT Chronicles

Anniversary sermons
  UF Sermons, Anniversary
  BT Sermons

Annual gift books
  USE Gift books

Annual reports

Anthems, National
  USE National songs

Anthologies
  UF Miscellanies

Anti-Catholic literature
  BT Literature of prejudice

Anti-clerical literature
  BT Literature of prejudice

Anti-Masonic literature
  BT Literature of prejudice

Anti-Semitic literature
  BT Literature of prejudice

Antiphonaries
  BT Liturgical books

Army lists
  BT Military registers

Artillery election sermons
  UF Sermons, Artillery election
  BT Sermons

Artists' books
    [Use for books designed as an artistic whole, integrating binding, text, illustration, etc., under the aesthetic control of a single artist. In general, "Livres d'artistes" denotes books containing original graphic art; "Artists' books" denotes books viewed as the works of art in themselves.]
  RT Livres d'artistes

Atlases
  NT Celestial atlases
  RT Gazetteers

Auction catalogues
  UF Catalogues, Auction
  BT Catalogues
  RT Booksellers' catalogues

Autobiographies
  BT Biographies
  RT Confessions
     Diaries
     Memoirs

Baccalaureate addresses
  UF Addresses, Baccalaureate
     Addresses, Commencement
     Commencement addresses
  BT Addresses

Baccalaureate sermons
  UF Graduation sermons
     Sermons, Baccalaureate
     Sermons, Graduation
  BT Sermons

Ballad operas
  BT Operas

Ballad sheets
  USE Broadside poems

Ballads
  BT Songs
  RT Broadside poems

Banned books
  BT Censored books

Battle sermons
  UF Sermons, Battle
  BT Sermons

Battledores
  USE Hornbooks

Begging poems
  BT Poems

Bellmen's verse
  USE Carriers' addresses

Bibliographies

Bildungsromane
  BT Fiction

Bills
    [Use for proposals for legislation.]
  RT Laws

Bills of mortality

Biographies
  NT Autobiographies

Blank forms
  UF Forms, Blank

Books for children
  USE Juvenile literature

Books of hours
  UF Primers (Devotional books)
  RT Liturgical books

Booksellers' advertisements
    [Use this term rather than "Publishers' advertisements" for examples appearing before the roles of bookseller and publisher were clearly differentiated.]
  UF Advertisements, Booksellers'
  BT Advertisements
  RT Booksellers' catalogues
     Printers' advertisements
     Prospectuses
     Publishers' advertisements

Booksellers' catalogues
    [Use this term rather than "Publishers' catalogues" for examples appearing before the roles of bookseller and publisher were clearly differentiated.]
  UF Catalogues, Booksellers'
  BT Catalogues
  RT Auction catalogues
     Booksellers' advertisements
     Publishers' catalogues

Bowdlerized books
  USE Expurgated books

Breviaries
  BT Liturgical books

Broadsheets
  USE Broadsides

Broadside poems
  UF Ballad sheets
     Poetical broadsides
     Slip songs
  BT Broadsides
  RT Ballads

Broadsides
     [Use for types of texts normally printed in broadside form.]
  UF Broadsheets
     Handbills
  NT Broadside poems
  RT Playbills

Burlesques
  BT Satires
  RT Facetiae
     Parodies
     Pasquinades

Calendars
     [Use for tabular registers of days, not for manuscript or document lists; subdivide by date.]

Captivity narratives
  UF Indian captivity narratives
  RT Slave narratives

Caricatures
  RT Cartoons
     Lampoons
     Satires

Carol books

Carriers' addresses
  UF Bellmen's verse
     Newscarriers' addresses
     Newsmen's presents
  BT Poems

Cartoons
  RT Caricatures
     Lampoons
     Satires

Catalogues
  NT Auction catalogues
     Booksellers' catalogues
     Exhibition catalogues
     Library catalogues
     Manufacturers' catalogues
     Museum catalogues
     Trade catalogues
  RT Advertisements
     Price lists

Catalogues, Auction
  USE Auction catalogues

Catalogues, Booksellers'
  USE Booksellers' catalogues

Catalogues, Exhibition
  USE Exhibition catalogues

Catalogues, Library
  USE Library catalogues

Catalogues, Manufacturers'
  USE Manufacturers' catalogues

Catalogues, Museum
  USE Museum catalogues

Catalogues, Trade
  USE Trade catalogues

Catechisms

Celestial atlases
  BT Atlases

Censored books
  NT Banned books
     Condemned books
     Expurgated books
     Prohibited books

Century sermons
  UF Sermons, Century
  BT Sermons

Chants

Chapbooks
  RT Jestbooks

Children's books (By children)
  USE Juvenilia

Children's books (For children)
  USE Juvenile literature

Children's literature
  USE Juvenile literature

Children's sermons
  UF Sermons, Children's
  BT Sermons

Children's writings
  USE Juvenilia

Choir books
    [Use for large books with the various parts of a musical composition displayed in a single opening, so as to be used simultaneously by all sections of a choir.]
  RT Parts
    Scores
    Table books

Chrestomathies
  BT Textbooks
  RT Primers (Instructional books)
    Readers

Christmas books
  USE Gift books

Christmas sermons
  UF Sermons, Christmas
  BT Sermons

Chronicles
  RT Annals

Ciphers
    [Use for texts, the meaning of which is concealed by substitution or transposition of letters or numbers.]
  UF Codes
    Cyphers

Codes
  USE Ciphers

Coloring books

Comedies
  BT Plays

Comic books

Comic histories

Commencement addresses
  USE Baccalaureate addresses

Commercial catalogues
  USE Trade catalogues

Commonplace books
  RT Notebooks

Concordances
  RT Indexes

Concordats
  RT Treaties

Concrete poems
  BT Poems

Condemned books
  BT Censored books

Confessions
  RT Autobiographies
     Diaries
     Memoirs

Cookbooks
  UF Cookery books
     Recipe books

Cookery books
  USE Cookbooks

Corantos
  RT Newspapers

Correspondence
  USE Letters

Courtesy books
  RT Etiquette books

Cyphers
  USE Ciphers

Dedication sermons
  UF Sermons, Dedication
  BT Sermons

Detective fiction
  USE Mystery and detective fiction

Devotional literature
  RT Prayer books

Dialogues
  RT Plays

Diaries
  UF Journals (Personal narratives)
  RT Autobiographies
     Confessions
     Memoirs

Dictionaries
  NT Etymological dictionaries
     Reverse dictionaries
  RT Glossaries
     Thesauri

Dime novels
  RT Penny dreadfuls

Directories

Discovery narratives
  USE Exploration literature

Dissertations, Academic
  USE Academic dissertations

Division lists
  UF Votes

Drama
  USE Plays

Dramatic monologues
  UF Monodramas
  RT Plays

Drawing books
  UF Sketchbooks

Dreadfuls
  USE Penny dreadfuls

Dystopian literature
  USE Utopian literature

Eclogues
  BT Poems

Election sermons
  UF Sermons, Election
  BT Sermons

Elegies
  BT Poems

Emblem books
  [Use for collections of emblems, i.e., mottoes or epigrams accompanied by a verse and sometimes a symbolic illustration, based upon a poetic conceit or moral statement, particularly popular in the 16th and 17th centuries.]

Encomia
  USE Eulogies

Ephemerides
  USE Almanacs

Epics
  BT Poems

Epigrams

Epistolary fiction
  BT Fiction
  RT Letters

Epitaphs
  RT Memorials
     Obituaries

Erotica

Essays

Etiquette books
  RT Courtesy books

Etymological dictionaries
  BT Dictionaries

Eulogies
  UF Encomia

Evangelistaries
  BT Liturgical books

Execution sermons
  UF Sermons, Execution
  BT Sermons

Exhibition catalogues
  UF Catalogues, Exhibition
  BT Catalogues

Exploration literature
  UF Discovery narratives
  RT Imaginary voyages
     Survivors' literature
     Travel literature

Expurgated books
  UF Bowdlerized books
  BT Censored books

Fables

Fabliaux

Facetiae
  BT Satires
  RT Burlesques
     Parodies
     Pasquinades

Fairy tales
  UF Märchen
  RT Juvenile literature

Family histories
  USE Genealogies

Fantasy literature
  RT Ghost stories
     Science fiction

Fanzines

Farces
  BT Plays
  RT Satires

Farewell sermons
  UF Sermons, Farewell
  BT Sermons

Fast day addresses
  UF Addresses, Fast day
  BT Addresses

Fast day proclamations
  BT Proclamations
  RT Thanksgiving Day proclamations

Fast day sermons
  UF Sermons, Fast day
  BT Sermons

Festschriften
  UF Mélanges

Festival books
    [Use for accounts of festivals, parades, ceremonial entries, and the like.]
  UF Adventus books
    Parade books

Fiction
    [Prefer narrower term.]
  NT Bildungsromane
    Epistolary fiction
    Ghost stories
    Gothic fiction
    Historical fiction
    Mystery and detective fiction
    Novellas
    Novels
    Oriental tales
    Picaresque fiction
    Romans à clef
    Science fiction
    Short stories
    Three deckers
    Utopian literature
    Yellowbacks
  RT Picture novels

Film scripts
  UF Screenplays
  RT Scenarios

Folk plays
  BT Plays

Folk tales

Folklore

Forgeries, Literary
  USE Literary hoaxes

Forms, Blank
  USE Blank forms

Formularies
  NT Legal formularies
     Medical formularies
     Technical formularies

Formularies, Legal
  USE Legal formularies

Formularies, Medical
  USE Medical formularies

Formularies, Technical
  USE Technical formularies

Fourth of July orations
  UF Addresses, Fourth of July
  BT Addresses

Fourth of July sermons
  UF Sermons, Fourth of July
  BT Sermons

Fraternity rituals
  UF Rituals, Fraternity
  RT Lodge rituals

Funeral addresses
  UF Addresses, Funeral
  BT Addresses

Funeral sermons
  UF Sermons, Funeral
  BT Sermons

Gazetteers
  RT Atlases

Genealogies
  UF Family histories

Gesta

Ghost stories
  BT Fiction
  RT Fantasy literature

Gift books
    [Use for nineteenth-century gift books and similar items.]
  UF Annual gift books
     Christmas books
  RT Keepsakes

Glossaries
  UF Vocabularies
  RT Dictionaries
     Thesauri

Gothic fiction
  BT Fiction

Graduals
  BT Liturgical books

Graduation sermons
  USE Baccalaureate sermons

Grammars

Guidebooks
  RT Travel literature

Half century sermons
  UF Sermons, Half century
  BT Sermons

Handbills
  USE Broadsides

Handbooks
  USE Manuals
      Textbooks

Harlequinades
  UF Turn-ups

Hate literature
  USE Literature of prejudice

Herbals

Heroic dramas
  BT Plays

Historical fiction
  RT Fiction

Hoaxes, Literary
  USE Literary hoaxes

Hornbooks
  [Although some authorities attempt to distinguish "Hornbooks" and "Battledores" by type of material used or by date produced, no consistent distinction in usage has been documented.]
  UF Battledores

Hymnals
  RT Hymns
    Liturgical books

Hymns
  RT Hymnals
    Liturgical books

Imaginary voyages
  UF Voyages, Imaginary
  RT Exploration literature
    Science fiction
    Travel literature

Indexes
  RT Concordances

Indian captivity narratives
  USE Captivity narratives

Indulgences

Instruction books
  USE Textbooks

Jestbooks
  UF Jokebooks
  RT Chapbooks
    Minstrel jokes

Jesuit relations
  UF Relations, Jesuit

Jokebooks
  USE Jestbooks

Journals (Financial records)
  USE Account books

Journals (Personal narratives)
USE Diaries

Juvenile literature
[Use for works written for children.]
UF Books for children
Children's books
Children's literature
Literature, Juvenile
NT Nursery rhymes
Nursery stories
RT Fairy tales

Juvenilia
[Use for works written by children and young people.]
UF Children's books
Children's writings

Keepsakes
[Use for works produced to mark the occasion of a gathering or event, distributed to those in attendance and not usually otherwise available. For nineteenth-century gift books, use "Gift books."]
RT Gift books

Lace books
USE Pattern books

Lampoons
RT Caricatures
Cartoons
Satires

Laws
RT Administrative regulations
Bills

Leaf books
[Use for works containing one or more leaves from another book or manuscript, usually with an essay discussing that book or manuscript.]

Lectures
RT Addresses

Ledgers
USE Account books

Legal formularies
UF Formularies, Legal
BT Formularies

Legal instruments
[May be subdivided by type of instrument, using the standard terms of the jurisdiction involved.]

Legal petitions
UF Petitions, Legal
BT Petitions

Legends
USE Myths and legends

Legislative hearings
RT Legislative proceedings

Legislative proceedings
UF Parliamentary debates
Parliamentary proceedings
RT Legislative hearings

Letters
UF Correspondence
RT Epistolary fiction

Library catalogues
UF Catalogues, Library
BT Catalogues

Libretti
RT Operas
Operettas

Libri amicorum
UF Album amicorum

Limericks

Litanies
BT Liturgical books

Literary hoaxes
UF Forgeries, Literary
Hoaxes, Literary

Literary miscellanies
USE Poetical miscellanies

Literature, Juvenile
USE Juvenile literature

Literature of prejudice
  UF Hate literature
     Prejudice, Literature of
  NT Anti-Catholic literature
     Anti-clerical literature
     Anti-Masonic literature
     Anti-Semitic literature

Little magazines

Liturgical books
     [Use for collections of liturgical services for use in public worship, such as the Anglican Book of commmon prayer, or the Siddur of Judaism.]
  NT Antiphonaries
     Breviaries
     Evangelistaries
     Graduals
     Litanies
     Missals
     Pontificals
     Psalters
     Rituals
     Sacramentaries
  RT Books of hours
     Hymnals
     Hymns
     Novenas
     Prayer books
     Prayers
     Service books
     Stations of the cross

Livres d'artistes
     [Use for books containing original works of graphic art, usually produced separately from text and binding. In general, "Livres d'artistes" denotes books containing original graphic art; "Artists' books" denotes books viewed as the works of art themselves.]
  UF Livres de peintres
  RT Artists' books

Livres de peintres
  USE Livres d'artistes

Local histories

Lodge rituals
  UF Rituals, Lodge
  RT Fraternity rituals

Lyric poems
  BT Poems

Märchen
  USE Fairy tales

Manuals (Handbooks)
  UF Handbooks
  NT Military manuals

Manuals (Liturgical books)
  USE Rituals

Manufacturers' catalogues
  UF Catalogues, Manufacturers'
  BT Catalogues
  RT Trade catalogues

Masques
  BT Plays

Mathematical recreations
  RT Scientific recreations

Maxims
  RT Proverbs

Mazarinades

Medical formularies
    [Use for works not having the contemporary status of a standard. For works having the status of a standard, use "Pharmacopoeias." When in doubt, use this term.]
  UF Formularies, Medical
     Receipt books
  BT Formularies
  RT Pharmacopoeias

Mélanges
  USE Festschriften

Memoirs
  RT Autobiographies
     Confessions
     Diaries

Memorials
  RT Epitaphs
     Obituaries

Military manuals
  BT Manuals (Handbooks)

Military orders

Military registers
  UF Registers, Military
  NT Army lists
     Navy lists

Military regulations
  BT Regulations

Minstrel jokes
  RT Jestbooks

Minstrel songs
  RT Songsters

Miracle plays
  BT Plays
  RT Mystery plays

Miscellanies
  USE Anthologies

Miscellanies, Literary
  USE Poetical miscellanies

Miscellanies, Poetical
  USE Poetical miscellanies

Missals
  BT Liturgical books

Monodramas
  USE Dramatic monologues

Morality plays
  BT Plays

Museum catalogues
  UF Catalogues, Museum
  BT Catalogues

Mystery and detective fiction
  UF Detective fiction
  BT Fiction

Mystery plays
  BT Plays
  RT Miracle plays

Myths and legends
  UF Legends

National anthems
  USE National songs

National songs
  UF Anthems, National
     National anthems
     Songs, National
  BT Songs

Navy lists
  BT Military registers

New Year sermons
  UF Sermons, New Year
  BT Sermons

Newsbooks

Newscarriers' addresses
  USE Carriers' addresses

Newsletters
  BT Periodicals
  RT Newspapers

Newsmen's presents
  USE Carriers' addresses

Newspapers
     [Use for publications containing chiefly current or timely topical material, usually intended to appear at regular intervals, weekly or more frequently, not usually designed for ease and permanence of storage.]
  BT Periodicals
  RT Corantos
     Newsletters

Nonsense verse
  BT Poems

Notebooks
  RT Commonplace books

Novellas
  BT Fiction
  RT Novels
     Short stories

Novels
  BT Fiction
  RT Novellas

Novenas
  RT Liturgical books

Nursery rhymes
  BT Juvenile literature

Nursery stories
  BT Juvenile literature

Obituaries
  RT Epitaphs
     Memorials

Occasional poems
  BT Poems

Occasional sermons
  UF Sermons, Occasional
  BT Sermons

Odes
  BT Poems

Operas
  NT Ballad operas
  RT Libretti
     Operettas
     Plays

Operettas
  RT Libretti
     Operas
     Plays

Cral history
     [Use for oral history interviews only, not for speeches, colloquia, panel discussions, and the like.]

Orations
  USE Addresses

Orders in council

Ordination sermons
  UF Sermons, Ordination
  BT Sermons

Oriental tales
BT Fiction

Overland journals
RT Travel literature

Parade books
USE Festival books

Parliamentary debates
USE Legislative proceedings

Parliamentary petitions
UF Petitions, Parliamentary
BT Petitions

Parliamentary proceedings
USE Legislative proceedings

Parodies
BT Satires
RT Burlesques
Facetiae
Pasquinades

Part books
USE Parts

Parts
[Use for musical parts.]
UF Part books
RT Choir books
Scores
Table books

Pasquils
USE Pasquinades

Pasquinades
UF Pasquils
Pasquinos
BT Satires
RT Burlesques
Facetiae
Parodies

Pasquinos
USE Pasquinades

Passenger lists

Passion plays
  BT Plays

Pasticcios
  USE Pastiches

Pastiches
  UF Pasticcios

Pastoral poems
  BT Poems

Pastoral romances

Pattern books
  UF Lace books

Penny dreadfuls
  UF Dreadfuls
     Shilling dreadfuls
     Shilling shockers
  RT Dime novels

Penny poems
  BT Poems

Periodicals
  NT Newsletters
     Newspapers

Petitions
  NT Legal petitions
     Parliamentary petitions
     Royal petitions

Petitions, Legal
  USE Legal petitions

Petitions, Parliamentary
  USE Parliamentary petitions

Petitions, Royal
  USE Royal Petitions

Pharmacopeias
    [Use for works having the contemporary status of a
    standard. When in doubt, use "Medical formularies."]
  RT Medical formularies

Phrase books

Picaresque fiction
  BT Fiction

Picture novels
  RT Fiction

Playbills
  RT Advertisements
     Broadsides
     Theater programs

Plays
  UF Drama
  NT Comedies
     Farces
     Film scripts
     Folk plays
     Heroic dramas
     Masques
     Miracle plays
     Morality plays
     Mystery plays
     Passion plays
     Puppet plays
     Radio plays
     Rappresentazioni
     Television plays
     Tragedies
  RT Dialogues
     Dramatic monologues
     Operas
     Operettas
     Scenarios

Poems
  NT Begging poems
     Carriers' addresses
     Concrete poems
     Eclogues
     Elegies
     Epics
     Lyric poems
     Nonsense verse
     Occasional poems
     Odes
     Pastoral poems
     Penny poems
     Poetry of places
     Prize poems

Poetical broadsides
  USE Broadside poems

Poetical miscellanies
  UF Literary miscellanies
     Miscellanies, Literary
     Miscellanies, Poetical

Poetry of places
  UF Topographical poetry
  BT Poems

Pollbooks
  USE Voting registers

Pontificals
  BT Liturgical books

Posters

Prayer books
     [Use for books of personal prayer; they may include selections from liturgical books.]
  RT Devotional literature
     Liturgical books

Prayers
  RT Liturgical books

Prejudice, Literature of
  USE Literature of prejudice

Price lists
  RT Catalogues

Primers (Devotional books)
  USE Books of hours

Primers (Instructional books)
  BT Textbooks
  RT Alphabets (Primers)
     Chrestomathies
     Readers
     Spellers

Printers' advertisements
  UF Advertisements, Printers'
  BT Advertisements
  RT Booksellers' advertisements
     Publishers' advertisements

Prize poems
  BT Poems

Proclamations
  NT Fast day proclamations
     Thanksgiving Day proclamations

Programs
     [Use for lists of the events, pieces, performers, speakers, etc., of an entertainment, ceremony, or the like.]
  NT Souvenir programs
     Theater programs

Programs, Souvenir
  USE Souvenir programs

Programs, Theater
  USE Theater programs

Prohibited books
  BT Censored books

Promptbooks
     [Use for plays with manuscript production annotations.]
  RT Acting editions

Propaganda

Prospectuses
  UF Subscription proposals
  RT Booksellers' advertisements
     Publishers' advertisements

Proverbs
  RT Maxims

Psalters
  BT Liturgical books

Publishers' advertisements
     [Use "Booksellers' advertisements" rather than this term for examples appearing before the roles of bookseller and publisher were clearly differentiated.]
  UF Advertisements, Publishers'
  BT Advertisements
  RT Booksellers' advertisements
     Printers' advertisements
     Prospectuses

Publishers' catalogues
[Use "Booksellers' catalogues" rather than this term for examples appearing before the roles of bookseller and publisher were clearly differentiated.]
UF Catalogues, Publishers'
BT Catalogues
RT Booksellers' catalogues

Puppet plays
BT Plays

Quotations

Radio plays
BT Plays
RT Scenarios

Railway novels
USE Yellowbacks

Rappresentazioni
BT Plays

Readers
BT Textbooks
RT Chrestomathies
Primers (Instructional books)

Rebuses

Receipt books
USE Medical formularies

Recipe books
USE Cookbooks

Regimental histories
[Use for histories of any military unit.]

Registers, Military
USE Military registers

Registers, Voting
USE Voting registers

Regulations
NT Military regulations

Relations, Jesuit
USE Jesuit relations

Resistance publications
[Use for works published surreptitiously or illegally, usually in wartime. Use "Alternative publications" for works published openly as contrasts to the mainstream political, social, and cultural press of their time.]
BT Underground publications
RT Alternative publications

Reverse dictionaries
BT Dictionaries

Riddles

Rituals
[Use for books containing prayers for administering the sacraments and various blessings.]
UF Manuals (Liturgical books)
BT Liturgical books

Rituals, Fraternity
USE Fraternity rituals

Rituals, Lodge
USE Lodge rituals

Roadbooks
[Use for books of motoring directions.]

Robinsonades

Romances

Romans à clef
BT Fiction

Royal petitions
UF Petitions, Royal
BT Petitions

Sacramentaries
BT Liturgical books

Samizdat
BT Underground publications

Sample books
[Use for books of actual samples.]
RT Type specimens

Satires
  NT Burlesques
     Facetiae
     Parodies
     Pasquinades
  RT Caricatures
     Cartoons
     Farces
     Lampoons

Scenarios
  RT Film scripts
     Plays
     Radio plays
     Television plays

Science fiction
  BT Fiction
  RT Fantasy literature
     Imaginary voyages

Scientific recreations
  RT Mathematical recreations

Scores
  RT Choir books
     Parts
     Table books

Screenplays
  USE Film scripts
      Televison plays

Sermons
  NT Anniversary sermons
     Artillery election sermons
     Baccalaureate sermons
     Battle sermons
     Century sermons
     Children's sermons
     Christmas sermons
     Dedication sermons
     Election sermons
     Execution sermons
     Farewell sermons
     Fast day sermons
     Fourth of July sermons
     Funeral sermons
     Half century sermons
     New Year sermons
     Occasional sermons
     Ordination sermons
     Thanksgiving sermons
  RT Addresses

Sermons, Anniversary
  USE Anniversary sermons

Sermons, Artillery election
  USE Artillery election sermons

Sermons, Baccalaureate
  USE Baccalaureate sermons

Sermons, Battle
  USE Battle sermons

Sermons, Century
  USE Century sermons

Sermons, Children's
  USE Children's sermons

Sermons, Christmas
  USE Christmas sermons

Sermons, Dedication
  USE Dedication sermons

Sermons, Election
  USE Election sermons

Sermons, Execution
  USE Execution sermons

Sermons, Farewell
  USE Farewell sermons

Sermons, Fast day
  USE Fast day sermons

Sermons, Fourth of July
  USE Fourth of July sermons

Sermons, Funeral
  USE Funeral sermons

Sermons, Graduation
  USE Baccalaureate sermons

Sermons, Half century
  USE Half century sermons

Sermons, New Year
  USE New Year sermons

Sermons, Occasional
  USE Occasional sermons

Sermons, Ordination
  USE Ordination sermons

Sermons, Thanksgiving
  USE Thanksgiving sermons

Service books
    [Use for books containing miscellaneous religious rites, whether or not compiled from official liturgical texts; they may include hymns.]
  RT Liturgical books

Shilling dreadfuls
  USE Penny dreadfuls

Shilling shockers
  USE Penny dreadfuls

Short stories
  BT Fiction
  RT Novellas

Sketchbooks
  USE Drawing books

Slave narratives
  RT Captivity narratives

Slip songs
  USE Broadside poems

Song sheets

Songs
  NT Ballads
     Minstrel songs
     National songs

Songs, National
  USE National songs

Songsters
  RT Minstrel songs

Souvenir programs
  UF Programs, Souvenir
  BT Programs

Specimens, Type
  USE Type specimens

Speeches
  USE Addresses

Spellers
  BT Textbooks
  RT Alphabets (Primers)
     Primers (Instructional books)

Spirit communications

Stations of the cross
  RT Liturgical books

Subscribers' lists
  UF Subscription lists

Subscription lists
  USE Subscribers' lists

Subscription proposals
  USE Prospectuses

Survivors' literature
  RT Exploration literature

Synopses
  RT Abridgements

Table books
[Use for books of musical parts so laid out that performers on opposite sides of a table can read them.]
RT Choir books
Parts
Scores

Technical formularies
UF Formularies, Technical
BT Formularies

Television plays
UF Screenplays
BT Plays
RT Scenarios

Textbooks
UF Handbooks
Instruction books
NT Alphabets (Primers)
Chrestomathies
Primers (Instructional books)
Readers
Spellers

Thanksgiving Day addresses
UF Addresses, Thanksgiving Day
BT Addresses

Thanksgiving Day proclamations
BT Proclamations
RT Fast day proclamations

Thanksgiving sermons
UF Sermons, Thanksgiving
BT Sermons

Theater programs
UF Programs, Theater
BT Programs
RT Playbills

Thesauri
RT Dictionaries
Glossaries

Theses
USE Academic dissertations

Three deckers
UF Triple deckers
BT Fiction

Topographical poetry
  USE Poetry of places

Trade catalogues
  UF Catalogues, Trade
     Commercial catalogues
  RT Manufacturers' catalogues

Tragedies
  BT Plays

Travel literature
  RT Exploration literature
     Guidebooks
     Imaginary voyages
     Overland journals

Treaties
  RT Concordats

Trial proceedings

Triple deckers
  USE Three deckers

Turn-ups
  USE Harlequinades

Type specimens
  UF Specimens, Type
  RT Sample books

Underground publications
  NT Alternative literature
     Resistance literature
     Samizdat

Unfinished books
     [Use for works not finished by the author.]

Utopian literature
  UF Dystopian literature
  BT Fiction

Viewbooks

Vocabularies
  USE Glossaries

Voter lists
  USE Voting registers

Votes
  USE Division lists

Voting registers
  UF Pollbooks
     Registers, Voting
     Voter lists

Voyages, Imaginary
  USE Imaginary voyages

Writing books

Yellowbacks
  UF Railway novels
  BT Fiction